

signed him. The work cut out for the councilors can be done only through the assistance of energetic and willing members of the profession in these localities, who will take the initiative in the matter of organization or affiliation. There is probably not a member of the State Society who is not acquainted with at least one physician in these "outside counties," and by requesting these physicians to interest themselves in bringing the counties into the State Society, great assistance will be rendered the trustees in their work of completing organization of the entire State.

The criticism has been made by a member of the Board of Examiners that while those recently examined showed a satisfactory and even excellent knowledge of surgery, anatomy, etc., they were weak in bacteriology, only a trifle better in pathology, and apallingly bad in medicine. Is this suggestive of general carelessness in the teaching of medicine, or does it indicate a preference on the part of the student for surgery, on which field the limelight plays and where the rewards are, sometimes, quickly won? Whatever the cause, there seems little doubt that the knowledge of practice of medicine possessed by the candidates was astonishingly small.

Another appeal must be made to the secretaries of county societies to send in for publication in the STATE JOURNAL abstract reports of the proceedings of their meetings, and personal mention of their members. This feature can be made complete only by coöperation of the officers of county societies with the Publication Committee. Largely it must be a labor of love, as is also the work of the committee. The STATE JOURNAL is being issued at a considerable expense to the Society, and is not yet in a position to pay for "news." If it were a private enterprise it would be a different proposition, and correspondents would naturally expect to be paid for assisting in its production; but all members of the State Society are joint owners in the JOURNAL and all should be willing to assist in making it fulfill its mission and accomplish the purpose of its being. A few moments devoted to the preparation of monthly reports would result in furnishing members all over the State accounts of what their professional brothers are doing in the different sections, and would also be a means of promoting better acquaintance and more cordial relationships.

The JOURNAL desires to be as useful to all who practice medicine on this Coast as it can be made to be. It also desires to help, in every way possible, the practice of medicine, the improvement of medicines, and the upbuilding of the physician's first lieutenant—the pharmacist. To that end the JOURNAL has established a new department, known as the Materia Medica Department; for a fuller statement of the work outlined for this feature of the JOURNAL, see page 312.

With many protestations of disgust, but with much evident joy, publications all over the world have been publishing editorials and leaders on the "Froude-Carlyle controversy," as one brilliant editor calls it. As both men are dead and probably resting quietly and peacefully in spite of all this editorial hub-bub, such a caption seems rather startling. About as many arguments of a purely personal and delicate nature have been advanced by the proponents as have been brought forward in rebuttal, and the argument seems to be one in which each editor settles the case for himself. It is unfortunate that so little of the milk of human kindness is to be found in editorial sanctums, and that so few remember, "*De mortuus nil nisi bonum.*"

The manufacturer of pharmaceuticals is a curious genius. He suavely and blandly asks everyone to trust him; yet he has no trust whatever in his fellow manufacturer. Everything he buys from a brother of the craft who himself makes the same strenuous demand to be trusted, is assayed and frequently sent back. The retort courteous passes—quite *sub rosa*, of course—from manufacturer to manufacturer; but they all join in the chorus and sing together: "We are absolutely honest and you must all trust us." And this while they continue to make and market preparations of jabarandi containing no pilocarpin; strophanthus that is lacking absolutely in strophanthin; iodid of potassium loaded with iodate and adulterated with bromid; and so through the long, sickening list. There is some retributive justice, but not much. It is reported that the child of one manufacturer died under the administration of his own Tr. Strophanthus which he had made from the cheap seeds and which contained not a trace of the alkaloid for which it was given.